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"One of the greatest evidences to me of the divinity of this work, is that it teaches there is eternal life on the other side, and that there will be a reunion there of the loved ones who have known each other here."—GEORGE ALBERT SMITH.

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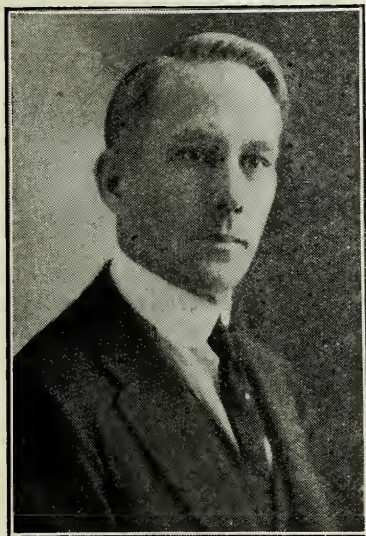
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DEATH OF PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH

ELDER JAMES H. WALLIS

ANOTHER mighty leader has fallen in Israel. The Presiding Patriarch of the Church, Elder Hyrum G. Smith, was called to the great beyond, Thursday morning, February 4th, 1932, after several months of sickness. The news of his death was a distinct shock to Church officials in these foreign missions, as it was to the entire Church. It was known that he had been in ill health for a long time, but no one anticipated such a thing as his death. A sudden attack of influenza seized him, which he was unable to overcome, and he died within a few hours.



Patriarch Smith was a comparatively young man, having been born July 8th, 1879, in South Jordan, Salt Lake County, Utah. He was the son of Hyrum Fisher Smith and Annie M. Gibbs, and spent his early boyhood days on the farm and the range, in Idaho and Utah, his father being a farmer and horse raiser. While at home with his parents in Summit county, he was

called to be Stake Superintendent of Sunday Schools, which position he filled with honour. He received a good education in the public schools, and then graduated from the Brigham Young Uni-

versity in Provo, Utah. While attending this University, in 1904, he married Martha Gee, daughter of George W. Gee and Sophrina A. Fuller, of Provo. He then moved to Los Angeles, California, where he took an active part in Church work. He was Sunday School Superintendent of the Los Angeles branch, and later president of that branch, of the California Mission. He entered the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, taking a full course in dentistry and graduating with high honours. He at once commenced to follow his profession, and was becoming quite successful, when ten months following he received his appointment as Presiding Patriarch of the Church. He at once disposed of his business, sold his home, and moved his family to Salt Lake City. He was ordained Presiding Patriarch in the Salt Lake Temple, May 9th, 1912, by the late President Joseph F. Smith, succeeding his own grandfather, John Smith—who had served in that office for fifty-six years—giving in the nineteen years while he was in office 21,590 recorded blessings, and a large number of unrecorded blessings. This is more than his grandfather gave in fifty-six years.

Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith was the fourth direct descendant of the first Patriarch of the Church, Joseph Smith, senior, father of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He was a great grandson of the martyred Patriarch, Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet. Besides his sorrowing wife, he leaves the following children: Cleone, Eldred Gee, Helen, Miriam, Barden Gee, Hyrum Gee, Deirona and Donna.

TRIBUTES PAID BY PRESIDING BRETHREN

President Rudger Clawson, of the Council of the Twelve, said: "In the death of Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith, the Church has lost a man who will be greatly missed in the councils of his brethren, and throughout the whole of the Church. He was a man who had a sweet and likable disposition, and made many warm friends. He was a man of sterling integrity and upright life."

President Heber J. Grant was in Washington, D.C., at the time of his death, but sent a telegram of sympathy to the bereaved family.

The funeral services in the Salt Lake Tabernacle were very impressive, and were under the direction of President Anthony W. Ivins. The invocation was offered by President Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve; and there were addresses by Bishop Gaskell Romney, Elder Joseph Fielding Smith and Elder George Albert Smith of the Council of the Twelve, and President Ivins; and benediction by Elder J. Golden Kimball, of the First Council of Seventy.

DISCOURSES AT THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH

ELDER JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

I feel greatly honoured in being asked to make a few remarks,

and yet I find this position one that is very trying to me. My dear cousin, the Patriarch, Hyrum G. Smith, and I have been most intimately associated. I do not know how two brothers could be nearer than we have been. I have always rejoiced in his successes, and he in mine. So I find this rather trying this afternoon.

He was called to occupy a position of the greatest honour. The Lord saw fit to call him, by birth, to stand in this position as Patriarch. It was his right, which came to him, by descent. The Prophet Joseph Smith has written :

The evangelist is a patriarch, even the eldest man of the blood of Joseph, or the seed of Abraham.

Wherever the Church of Christ is established in the earth, there should be a patriarch for the benefit of the posterity of the saints, as it was with Jacob in giving his patriarchal blessings unto his sons.

In the Doctrine and Covenants we have this revealed :

The order of this priesthood was conferred to be handed down from father to son, and rightly belongs to the literal descendant of the chosen seed to whom the promises were made. This order was instituted in the days of Adam, and came down by lineage in the following manner: From Adam to Seth. . . . and then on through, even down to later generations.

Joseph Smith, the father of the Prophet and Patriarch Hyrum Smith, the two martyrs, was the first man called in this dispensation to occupy this position. It was his by right, so the Lord revealed. It became his right because he stood as that literal descendant of the chosen seed, or the one who held the birth-right in Israel, as that birthright has come down from Joseph through Ephraim. Therefore upon him was conferred this great authority and priesthood, and after him by right it was conferred upon his son, Hyrum Smith, my grandfather, who occupied this position according to revelation and command of the Lord, for the Lord said of him, when he was called to this position :

“And again verily I say unto you,” that is, unto Joseph Smith, the Prophet, “let my servant William (Law) be appointed, ordained and anointed as a counselor unto my servant, Joseph Smith, in the room of my servant Hyrum, that my servant Hyrum may take the office of priesthood and patriarch, which was appointed unto him by his father, by blessing and also by right.”

So we see from these revelations that this office has come by right from Joseph Smith, Senior, to Hyrum Smith. At the time of the martyrdom, John Smith, the son of Hyrum, was a boy but twelve years of age, too young to be ordained to such a responsible position. Therefore it became necessary to choose some one else to this office, and another was chosen, John Smith, brother of the first patriarch, the great-grandfather of George Albert Smith, who will speak here this afternoon, and he held that office for many years. Then after his death the position

was conferred upon John Smith, the son of Hyrum, whose right it was, who held this position until the time of his death. Then later Hyrum G. Smith was called to that position.

GIVES 21,590 PATRIARCHAL BLESSINGS

During the nineteen years that he served he gave blessings to twenty-one thousand five hundred ninety individuals, whose blessings are recorded. This is not all the blessings that he gave, but all that were recorded. It is a magnificent work, showing his faithfulness, his integrity, and the confidence on the part of the Latter-day Saints in him and his mission.

Now, what do we mean by giving blessings? What is a blessing for? What is the duty of a patriarch? In this same revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, in which Hyrum Smith was called to this position, the Lord said of Hyrum Smith :

That from henceforth he shall hold the keys of the patriarchal blessings upon the heads of all my people, that whosoever he blesses shall be blessed, and whosoever he curses shall be cursed, that whatsoever he shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever he shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

That is wonderful power and authority for a man to hold, the power to seal and bind upon the heads of members of this Church such wonderful blessings and privileges as are here declared.

President Joseph F. Smith, in speaking of the duty of the patriarch, said :

We have a number of patriarchs in this Church, whose duty it is to bestow blessings upon the heads of those who seek blessings at their hands. They are fathers. They hold the evangelical office in the Church. It is their business and right to bestow blessings upon the people, to make promises unto them in the name of the Lord, as may be given them by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to comfort them in the hours of sorrow and trouble, to strengthen their faith by the promises that shall be made to them through the Spirit of God, and to be fathers indeed of the people, leading them into all truth.

How wonderfully he magnified this calling! How faithful he was before the Lord, to do only that which was right, to pronounce upon the heads of those who received the blessings only that which was given unto him by inspiration of the Lord—not extravagant expressions, not vain promises, but comforting, uplifting promises and blessings which those who received them shall obtain through faithfulness, through observing the commandments of the Lord.

How greatly he has been honoured to hold this mighty position of responsibility and trust and power and Priesthood in the Church, standing not only as a father to the people, but as the one who held the birthright in Israel, the first-born among his brethren by descent, the only one who rightfully, according to the

revelations of the Lord, could stand in this place and speak with power and with authority.

May the Lord bless and comfort his family. They have much to rejoice in, much to consider as the years go by to make them happy and in which they will be happy and shall rejoice. His life and ministry shall be unto them an incentive and a power to lead and direct them in the paths of righteousness and truth. The day will come—and I want to say to you, my brethren and sisters, that day is not far in the distant future—when his family shall be reunited, when all tears shall be wiped away, for there shall come a renniting, there shall come a time of rejoicing, a time when, through the resurrection, they and all the righteous shall stand again upon the earth, not in the weakness of mortality, but in the strength and power and vigor of immortality, never again to die, never again to be separated; and under those conditions to receive a fulness of joy. May their hearts be comforted, I pray. May the Spirit of the Lord be with them, and may He guide us all, I ask, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH

I trust that in the few moments I occupy the Lord will sustain and inspire me to say things that will be profitable to those who have assembled on this occasion. The line of patriarchal descent has already been delineated by our brother, Joseph Fielding, and the great honour that has been enjoyed by cousin Hyrum G. has already been called to your attention. He was a patriarch in his temperament. He enjoyed the satisfaction that comes from blessing, and to those upon whose heads he laid his hands there came an assurance that he was a servant of the living God. He was not a man to contend for the thing that he thought was right. He was modest and retiring. But when he believed he was right he was very firm in expressing himself, so that his associates knew what his opinion was on such occasions.

I am thinking now of the report that this good man is taking home. Instead of visualizing him here in this casket I am looking on the other side and observing the glorious time that is being experienced there, as he enjoys the companionship of the good men who have preceded him in the patriarchal priesthood. He has more kinsmen on the other side than he has on this side; more of the noble women who have lived, that are endeared to him, are on the other side than are here. That knowledge that has been born into my soul has filled me with such gratitude that I cannot adequately express myself.

He has laid the foundation deep and secure upon which he has built and will continue to build throughout eternity. The joy that he has experienced here upon earth will be added upon. Now he awaits the opportunity that will eventually come to him

of claiming his loved ones as they are called to the other side, one by one.

When he was just a youth he accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ and was baptized into the Church. He received the various degrees of the Priesthood as he was entitled to them through his faithfulness. Then a marvelous opportunity that comes to but few men in this world came to him, and he was called to be the Patriarch of the Church. I happened to be one of the number who were sent to California to confer with him. I think I shall never forget his attitude when he was informed of what our mission was. In his own feelings he resisted, indicating that he felt that he would prefer that it might be otherwise, but he was informed that the Presidency of the Church and the Quorum of the Twelve had already passed on his eligibility, that he had already been chosen, and it remained for him to say that he would accept the ordination and officiate in that calling. When he said he would accept there came into his life a new experience, a new and wonderful development. I have seen no one who has developed more rapidly in the line of his calling than has this good man.

STRENGTH FROM THE LORD NOT WITHHELD

I realize that a great privation has come to this family, but I want to say to them that the strength that God has given to them in the past will not be withheld. They will feel the presence of this husband and father and they will rejoice in the influence of the Spirit of the Lord that will flow to them. They are not left alone. They are not left homeless. They are not without friends, but they will live in the love and blessing of the people of God. It will be the joy of this family to continue to grow and develop as the Lord would have them, and I am sure that they will feel that our Father in Heaven has been especially mindful of them on this occasion and He will open their way for the future. These boys and girls all have a mission to perform. The Lord will give them opportunity, and if they will take advantage of it each of them will grow in grace before our Heavenly Father and in due time receive the blessings that are bestowed upon those who are faithful. The comfort that can only come from a divine source will be with this family, and the joy that comes from doing what the Lord would have us do will be their privilege.

As I think of the experiences of people in the world, on occasions of this kind, I marvel how we have been blessed. I have no more doubt about eternal life and the immortality of the soul than I have that the sun shines at midday. The passing of my beloved kinsman has been a great shock to me, but how grateful I am that during many years I have had his companionship and confidence. How grateful I am that he has been able to bless his wife and children and extend comfort and hope to all who have associated

with him to the very last. He does not have to meet the effects of an ill-spent life, but as the Lord has given him strength he has builded day by day, and the promise of our Heavenly Father has been that those who honour Him and keep His commandments shall have eternal life in His celestial kingdom.

PRIESTHOOD OF GOD IS ETERNAL

The Priesthood that has been conferred upon this man is eternal, and the blessing that is promised to his descendants is also eternal. It is a sad thing to part with our dear ones, even temporarily. We send them upon missions, or they go to other parts of the world to live, and we miss them. When an occasion like this occurs, it seems that they are more distant, but as a matter of fact they are not if we but understood. When I think of the opportunities that unfold to this good man now that the rest of us are denied temporarily, I do not feel jealous of him, but I do feel to congratulate him that he has earned a place in the celestial kingdom. I congratulate his wife and children that they have had him so long, and instead of extending the condolence that sometimes might go to those who are bereaved, I feel more like rejoicing this day that I know that this is not the end.

Hyrum has lived to receive the ordinances of the House of the Lord. When the time came to be married he wanted to be united with a good girl, one of the daughters of Zion, who had been faithful. He wanted to be united with her eternally. He went into the House of the Lord and was sealed by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and that sealing united them as husband and wife, not only for time but for eternity, and gave to them their children for eternity, without necessity of adoption. That was his attitude toward the sacred things of life, and the promises that the Lord has made to those who observe His laws will not fail in his case.

There are those who are satisfied just to live a careless life here in the world who may be likened to the man with one talent. They make no development. The Lord has informed us that there are three degrees of glory. One is known as the Celestial Kingdom. Into this kingdom go those who have lived and have not earned more than the privileges of that kingdom—a kingdom of glory, it is true, but it is a lesser kingdom. Those who are satisfied with an inheritance in that kingdom, and who live for it will be resurrected, but they will be quickened, celestial bodies, and will inherit that kingdom. Referring to these the Lord informs us that where God and Christ dwell they can never be.

Then there is another kingdom known as the Terrestrial Kingdom. The Lord says that those who desire greater blessings and privileges may inherit that kingdom, provided they live for it, and in the resurrection they will be quickened terrestrial bodies and will inherit the Terrestrial Kingdom.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1932

EDITORIAL

CALLED HOME TO GREATER ACTIVITY

THE death of Elder Hyrum G. Smith, the Presiding Patriarch of the Church, removes from that important position one who graced it with faith, dignity and industry. No better, nobler, purer man than Hyrum G. Smith could have been chosen to receive this Holy Patriarchal Priesthood. In the short space of twenty years he bestowed upon the heads of members of the Church in the neighbourhood of twenty-two thousand blessings, averaging over one thousand for each year. When it is remembered that he suffered much sickness during the latter part of his administration, this is a remarkable record. His blessings are full of comfort, consolation and inspired prophecies, and they will be highly treasured by those who were the blessed recipients.

The office of Presiding Patriarch is the only hereditary office in the Church; it descends to the first-born of the family, from father to son, provided always the son is worthy to inherit this holy calling. "This man was not an ordinary Patriarch in a Stake of Zion," said Apostle Joseph Fielding Smith at his funeral, "but he stood at the head. He held the keys of that authority. He was called to be the Patriarch, the Presiding Patriarch of the Church. In this position it was his duty to be a father to the Church. His authority extended to the ends of the earth, and he was a father to the people of this Church, to bless, with the power to seal, with the power to comfort."

When Hyrum G. Smith was chosen and selected to succeed to this office he was engaged in his chosen profession of dentistry in Los Angeles, California. He was advised of his selection, and felt very weak in accepting the call. When his name was presented before the general conference of the Church in the large Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, in April, 1912, President Joseph F. Smith paid him this sterling tribute: "Brother Hyrum G. Smith, who has been selected to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of the late Patriarch John Smith, is his literal descendant, but he is his grandson, and not his own son. The grandson has been a clean, pure, intelligent boy; he has been faithful and exemplary throughout all his life, and has never been addicted to any habits that he had to abstain from to be in harmony with the principles of the Gospel. The question of looking over the children and grandchildren of the Patriarch was submitted to the Twelve Apostles, as it is the duty of the Twelve Apostles to look after

and select and ordain evangelists (patriarchs) in the Church; and after due consideration they have unanimously recommended the grandson of the late Patriarch to fill the place of his grandfather."

When Patriarch Smith addressed the congregation of the saints, in conference assembled, shortly after his ordination and setting apart, among other things he gave this valuable word of counsel and admonition, which is applicable to all members of the Church: "I thank the Lord for my present standing in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I know that the Lord lives, and that He will hear and answer our prayers, if we will humble ourselves and call upon Him in faith. Let us not turn away from sacred things, and laugh or scoff at them, but have respect and reverence for sacred things and sacred rites, that the Lord may not withhold His blessings from us."

It was my very great privilege to spend the most of two afternoons with Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith before leaving for my present mission. I had received my ordination as Patriarch under the hands of the First Presidency, and I went to Patriarch Smith for counsel and instruction. The experiences he related to me during the time he had officiated in his holy calling were very remarkable, inspiring and faith-promoting. I profitted greatly as the result of my visits, and enjoyed the wonderful privilege I had of associating with him. He assured me I would have joy in my labours and expected to greet me on my return to Zion, after filling my mission abroad.

Truly can it be said of him, as recorded by John the Revelator, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." The descendants of this great and good man will be numbered with the presiding authorities of the Church throughout all time to come, and will be found among the foremost in the councils of heaven.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

DEATH OF PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH

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But to those who desire the highest and best of all, our Heavenly Father has made known that there is another kingdom, known as the Celestial Kingdom. Those who desire to inherit that kingdom must conform to the rules that are laid down by the Redeemer of mankind while here upon the earth. The virtues that are attained by those in the other kingdom will be achieved by those who inherit the Celestial Kingdom, and additional virtues that the others have not acquired will be possessed by those who inherit the Celestial Kingdom.

In order that we might be prepared for that kingdom, the Lord, in His mercy, in this latter day restored the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and placed in it divine authority, and then gave understanding to

His children that certain ordinances may be received and performed. For this purpose temples were built and into those temples those who desire a place in the Celestial Kingdom have an opportunity to go and receive their blessings, to enrich their lives and prepare them for that kingdom. This is the kingdom where God and Christ will dwell. This is the place that those will live who have earned the right to inherit it. It is the greatest and most glorions of all, and our Heavenly Father has promised such an inheritance to every soul who will live for it.

When this man, who has lived for a place in that kingdom, is resurrected, he will not find his place among the lesser ones in the Telestial Kingdom, nor among those in the Terrestrial Kingdom, but his inheritance will be among those who have kept all the commandments of our Heavenly Father, as far as lay in their power, and who have enriched their lives by living as God would have them live. His Spirit will associate with their spirits until they are resnrrected immortal beings, and they will all be waiting for those of us who are still here. If any of us desire to go to that place we must conform our lives to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those are the only terms upon which we may obtain that blessing. That is not my word. That is the word of our Father in heaven.

That is what the Gospel means to me. So to-day as I stand in your presence, when perhaps tears should be flowing, my soul is filled with comfort and satisfaction. I pray that that comfort may be in the lives of each of those who are bereaved, that God, our Heavenly Father, will be a husband to the widow and a father to the children, and that we who remain will be brothers and sisters in the way the Lord desires that we should be.

This is not the end. God lives. Jesus is the Christ. Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God, and the Priesthood that was conferred upon him and his brother and passed on down through the Church has been already received by some of the members of this family, and others as they grow old enough, will receive it, and they too, will be preparing for that higher, that holier and better place.

That the Lord may add His blessings, that the comfort which comes alone from Him who rules and reigns on high may abide in the home of this family, and that the mother and her children may feel the joy that she has always had in His presence and the companionship of the Spirit of God, not only to-day, but henceforth and forever—that this may be their privilege and blessing, I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY W. IVINS

My intimate association with Hyrum G. Smith, and the remarks which have already been made in commendation of his character and of his good works, justify me in saying that all of

the men with whom I have been acquainted—and I have met many in my long life and its varied experiences—I remember none who appeared to me to be more worthy, more certain of the blessings here pronounced upon those who die in the Lord than Hyrum G. Smith. I knew him intimately. He talked to me confidently, as I talked to him. I do not remember a thing in his character to indicate other than devoted faith in God our Father, devoted faith in Christ His Son, as the Redeemer of the world, and the agency through which we are redeemed from this passing from mortality to immortality which we call death. Christ was the first fruits of the resurrection. Hyrum recognized Him as such. I saw nothing of selfishness manifested in his life. He did not want more for himself than he was willing to give to others. He rather desired to give to others more than they gave to him—a wonderful characteristic in these days of ambition, of selfishness, of greed, of the disposition of men to seek honours and to gain wealth in order that it may give them prestige among the people of the world. He was free from this to a degree that few men of my acquaintance are.—(Excerpt from an address.)

PRIESTHOOD

First Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter 13, "Requirements of the Aaronic Priesthood." Study from "Care of Branch Property," on page 67, to the end of the chapter on page 69. Objective: To show the duties and responsibilities of the Priesthood, in the care of branch property, in the attendance at meetings, and in the helping of widows and others in distress; also the meaning of "Priesthood."

1. In what way should the Priesthood assist in the care of branch property?

2. Why is it that the Priesthood's direct responsibility is to see that everything in connection with the branch property is in good order, that no vandalism is permitted, and nothing that would detract from the good appearance or the peacefulness of the Lord's house is allowed?

3. What meetings are members of the Priesthood expected to attend?

4. What is the purpose in attending these meetings?

5. What might be done from time to time in your branch in helping widows and others in distress?

6. Why must care be taken in giving service to widows and others in distress?

7. Explain the meaning of "Priesthood."

8. What is the objective of the Priesthood?

Second Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks, the first on "The Reformation," and the second on "How We Obtained Our Bible." Refer to Church books on these subjects, and other helpful refer-

ences. A class discussion is to follow the remarks of both speakers, in which everyone present should take part.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter 14, "Personal Demands of the Priesthood," page 70-71 from the beginning of chapter to "Vocational and Financial Efficiency," on page 71. Objective: To show the necessity of every Priesthood member keeping himself in perfect physical health, and the opportunities and importance of intellectual activity in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. What are the laws of good health?
2. Why is a sound mind in a sound body the first requisite of any person who desires to live happily and serve well?
3. Of what value are the laws of good health?
4. What is man?
5. Why does the Gospel require an intellectual appreciation as well as a spiritual acceptance of its truths?
6. How can a man holding the Priesthood live up to his high calling?
7. In what way may intellectual activity be stimulated?
8. In what way can a man win the satisfaction of the higher life?

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks, the first on "Necessity For a Restoration," and the second on "Restoration of the Gospel." Refer to the Church books and other helpful references on these subjects. A class discussion is to follow the remarks of both speakers, in which everyone present should take part.

P. L. W.

RELIEF SOCIETY

THE following is the *Auxiliary Guide* number for April, with the Objectives and Slogan Talk ideas.

SLOGAN: "We Stand for a More Sincere Sisterly Love Through Application of the Saviour's Parables and Teachings."

Lesson Text: "The Value of Life Here and Hereafter."

First Week. Opening exercises. Slogan Talk—The Book of Mormon and Free Agency, Helaman 14: 30-31. *Theology—Life Everlasting*—Lesson No. 7, "The Right Use of Free Agency," pages 69-73. Objective: To show the value of the Book of Mormon as a volume of high moral teachings, and also show just how it sponsors obedience to all civil and spiritual laws.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Slogan Talk—The care for others automatically instills the desire for added care of oneself, and as a result society is bettered both collectively and individually, Luke 6: 38. During the class period the "Teachers' Topic for April," should be discussed by all the sisters present. This is found on pages 73-74 in the lesson text. Objective: To show how the teachings of Christ help men to find themselves and give due benevolence to their fellow men.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Slogan 'Talk—Enumerate the values of the Relief Society toward bettering the general social circle. *Literature—Mothers of Ancient Scripture—Lesson No. 7, "Hebrew, Asenath: 'Favourite'—Mother of the Birthright Tribe,"* pages 74-81. Objective: To show how Asenath was a suitable wife for Joseph, and to designate the remarkable method the Lord employed in bringing them together.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Slogan 'Talk—Give a short talk on the value of outdoor activity. Social Service—*Human Welfare—Lesson No. 5, "Plain Facts About Food,"* pages 81-84. Objective: To show why a common knowledge of food, in regard to preparation, quantity and method of consumption should be fully understood by the one providing and preparing it.

RINTHA P. DOUGLAS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR APRIL

BEHOLD, the Great Redeemer die,
A broken law to satisfy;
He dies a sacrifice for sin
That man might live and glory win.

NOTE: After an extended series of observations and surveys made in a large number of Sunday Schools by members of the General Board, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the Concert Recitation in the general assembly is fulfilling its purpose, the Research Committee of the General Board submitted the following changes: 1. That one passage of scripture be assigned each department for the month. 2. That the departments take turn in reciting their text before the school, one recitation per week. 3. That the learning and reciting of these passages be transferred to the classes.

It is suggested that the Concert Recitation be recited by the Gospel Doctrine Department before the school on the first and third Sundays, and by the New Testament Department on the second and fourth Sundays.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT.

April 3. Concert Recitation: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold: and one shepherd"—John 10: 16. Lesson 11. "The Saviour's Visit to the Nephites." The Saviour's visit to the Nephites is the outstanding event of Book of Mormon history. The Nephites were informed of His coming nearly six hundred years before the time of His arrival, and as the event drew nearer it was heralded in great detail. Still there was widespread unbelief in the land. Eventually He appeared and taught the people in much the same manner as He taught the Jews. He ordained leaders to act in His name; He instructed the people concerning the plan of salvation and then

He departed. The preciseness of His instructions leaves no room for doubt that man must obey law if he obtains the blessings of God.

April 10. Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Temple Marriages." (See outline in Superintendents' Department.)

April 17. Lesson 12. "Christ's Appearance to Joseph Smith." The appearance of the Father and the Son to Joseph Smith is one of the most important events of all human history. It was brought on by the fact that the world had strayed from a proper conception of God and His requirements for salvation. The visit re-established the truth of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It resulted in the restoration of the Priesthood and the re-establishment of the Church of Christ. It initiated the dawn of a new day when the Gospel would never again be taken from the earth.

April 24. Lesson 13. "The Book of Mormon." Since the Book of Mormon has been in the hands of the public for more than a hundred years, it is now possible to obtain a distinct perspective of the various attacks that have been made upon it; also the manner in which it has withstood them. The Book itself is revolutionary in nature, and, therefore, it has been confronted with the severest criticism that its opponents could raise. By no means all of this criticism has been prompted by animosity or a desire to persecute; part, perhaps, has. The Christian people are naturally slow in accepting any announcement that runs counter to long-cherished notions.

Regardless of the criticism to which the Book of Mormon has been subjected, it stands to-day more fully established in the mind of the world.

NEW TESTAMENT "A" DEPARTMENT

April 3. Concert Recitation: "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Lesson 11. At the Well of Sychar. Text: John 4, 1-42; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 18. Objective: A testimony of the divinity of Christ's mission and the Father's approval are obtained by those who worship in spirit and in truth.

April 10. Uniform Lesson. Subject: Temple Marriages. (See Superintendents' Department for outline.)

April 17. Lesson 12. "A Prophet is Not Without Honour Save in His Own Country." Texts: Luke 4: 16-30; Matthew 13: 54-58; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 20. Objective: Obtaining the advantage of worth-while teaching is often lost to us because we fail to recognize in one of our intimates one who has the knowledge and power to teach us.

April 24. Lesson 13. "The Draught of Fishes." Texts: Luke 5: 1-11; Mark 1: 16-20; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*," Chapter 22. Objective: The real spirit of a true follower of Christ comes through obedience to His call.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

April 3. Picture Lesson.

April 10. Lesson 11. "A Sacred Promise." Texts: Genesis 28-33; Sunday School Lessons, Leaflet 11. Objective: He lives anew who pays his tithes and worships God as the true and living God. (The greatest happiness comes to those who pay their tithing and pray to God, the Father.)

April 17. Lesson 12. "Joseph Sold as a Slave." Text: Genesis 37; Sunday School Lessons, Leaflet 12. Objective: The Lord blesses His righteous children and guides their destiny.

April 24. Lesson 13. "Joseph Becomes a Prisoner." Texts: Genesis 39 and 40; Sunday School Lessons, Leaflet 13. Objective: The Lord blesses His righteous children and guides their destiny.

The Instructor.

It is suggested that two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "The Saviour's appearance to the people on the western continent," and "The choosing of the twelve apostles on the eastern hemisphere."

For singing practice during the month of April, the following songs are suggested: "Softly Beams the Sacred Dawning," and "Zion, Arise! the Dark Clouds are Falling."

J. B. B.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

THE following is the *Auxiliary Guide* number for April, with the objectives and Slogan Talk ideas.

SLOGAN TALK: "We Stand for Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Health through Observance of the Word of Wisdom."

Lesson Text: "The Gospel and Health."

First Week. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program.* Slogan Talk—Show how mental efficiency is obtained through observance of the Word of Wisdom. Have someone give a piano or organ solo, and have this followed by a well prepared address on "Sincerity." Lesson: Chapter 19, "Tea, Coffee and Other Drinks." Objective: To show the evils of tea, coffee and other drinks to the human body, and an analyses of the poisonous compounds contained in these drinks and wherein they are detrimental to the human body.

Second Week. Opening exercises. (No Preliminary Program.) Lesson: Chapter 20. "Germs—Vermin." Objective: To show numerous ways in which infectious diseases are spread, and the means by which infectious diseases may be checked. Turn the

last half hour over to a biographical sketch of a prominent Latter-day Saint woman, including interesting incidents of her life.

Third Week. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program.* Slogan Talk—Show how spiritual growth is obtained through observance of the Word of Wisdom. Have someone give an instrumental selection, and have this followed by someone giving a few interesting anecdotes. Lesson: Chapter 21, "Teeth, Gums, Tonsils." Objective: To show the injury done to the human body by infected teeth, gums and tonsils, and the proper methods of caring for these important parts of the human body.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Mutual Improvement Social. Suggestive helps to an enjoyable evening will be sent out in the *April Game Supplement.*

P. L. W.

THERE IS NO DEATH

WE do not die—We cannot die;
 We only change our state of life
 When these earth-temples fall and lie,
 Unmoving 'mid the world's wild strife.

There is no death in God's wide world;
 But one eternal scene of change:
 The flag of life is never furled,
 It only taketh wider range.

And when the spirit leaves its frame,
 Its home in which it long hath dwelt
 It goes, a life that's real to claim,
 As if in this it had but slept.

Then let us not speak of "the dead,"
 For none are dead—all live, all love:
 Our friends have only changed—have sped
 From lower homes to homes above.

J. S. A.

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